

of my San Diego Board of Education, San Diego City Council, and congressional staff for almost 20 years.

As a woman ahead of her time, Edel has worked in an equal partnership with her husband of over 61 years, long before the women's movement highlighted the importance of this concept. She and her husband, Pastor Alvin Petersen, are the perfect partners—working and playing together as a team throughout their 30-year ministry at the Lutheran Student Center and Chapel at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and now in their retirement.

Edel was an integral part of the staff at the Lutheran Student Center, sometimes as paid staff, but more often as a volunteer. She was affectionately known as "Mom Pete" by all who came to the student center. She offered her skills in counseling, networking, research, and the arts. She is said to have had a profound influence on the lives of many, and she served as a mentor to thousands of young women as they passed through the university. In fact, she has been a role model to women during her whole life—as a teacher, a mother, a grandmother, the wife of a pastor, a community volunteer, as part of the team at the student center, and in retirement. Most importantly, she has been a friend to all who needed a friend.

She was also a mentor to the wives of other campus pastors and pastoral interns at the university. She formed a study group for married women students and, along with her husband, initiated a Couples Club, a Grad Club, and a theology study group—all opportunities to support the sharing of ideas and concerns.

Edel's code for living, "to listen, to accept, to love, and to affirm", is evident in everything she does. She frequently opened her home to university students who needed a place to live, including many international students. Early in their ministry at the university, Pastor Pete and Mom Pete initiated International Night, inviting students from various countries, including all religious beliefs, to prepare and share a meal of foods from their native countries. Such events eventually became a cooperative effort of all the campus ministries. She encouraged students at the student center to sponsor children through the Foster Parents Plan, a project which helped these students reach out beyond their own concerns. She and her husband spent a summer in the 1960's leading a group of young people in their work with a Chicago inner-city project sponsored by the Methodist Church.

Another important sphere of her influence was the creative enrichment she brought to the university students and the community as a whole, by initiating an annual Festival of the Arts at the Lutheran Student Center. The festival included both local and nationally known artwork, music, and drama. The final festival before her husband's retirement was a magnificent display of Native American Indian art and was described by one university professor as the best show he had seen of Native American artists.

As a gifted pianist, writer, poet, and weaver, Edel's own contributions to the arts have been published and featured throughout the Midwest. Two of her most notable weavings are featured at the Lutheran Student Center and at the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln.

She recently won first place in the Legacies Story Writing Contest, sponsored by the Lin-

coln Area Agency on Aging. She had her winning essay published in Lifelines magazine, and also recently was published in the Lincoln Journal-Star newspaper, with an article describing how she has worked to grow older with joy and continued commitment to life and to worthwhile causes.

In the community outside of the student center, Edel has been a volunteer tutor through the American Red Cross, has served as president of the PTA at her daughter's school, led Camp Fire troops, was a docent at the Sheldon Art Gallery for more than 10 years, has been a member of Bread for the World since it was first organized and of the United Nations for over 20 years, read weekly to retired people at a senior center, and most recently, has helped to establish a reading group for visually and hearing impaired women at Eastmont Towers, the retirement home where she now lives.

And Edel has been recycling since her youth, before anyone else ever thought about the importance of recycling. Preservation of our Earth's environment is one of her paramount concerns.

Being in the limelight has never been what it was about for Edel Petersen. Her joy has been to motivate, to empower, to facilitate—often from behind the scenes. So it is highly appropriate and rewarding that her contributions are being recognized by this prestigious award.

Edel is an example of what one woman can do, by keeping herself open to the possibilities to help and to serve—whether her actions have a large impact in the community or help the person next door who needs love and encouragement.

For all these reasons, I am particularly pleased to recognize the contributions of Edel Petersen with this acknowledgement in the House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF ADOLF AND  
DOROTHY ZALEWSKI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Adolf and Dorothy Zalewski.

Mr. and Mrs. Zalewski were married on October 25, 1947 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and are life-long residents of the Slavic Village neighborhood of Cleveland. Adolf Zalewski retired in 1985 after working for 38 years at LTV Steel and is a World War II veteran. Dorothy Zalewski served a term as a councilwoman in Newburgh Heights and is currently a Precinct B committeewoman.

Both Adolf and Dorothy remain active in church, civic, and political affairs. Adolf is an auxiliary policeman in Newburgh Heights and is active at his church. Dorothy is president of the Newburgh Heights Democratic Club and volunteers at a local hospital. Adolph and Dorothy will celebrate their 50th anniversary with their three children and eight grandchildren.

I am happy to congratulate Adolf and Dorothy Zalewski on 50 years of marriage and wish them another 50 years of happiness together.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RECIP-  
ROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS  
ACT OF 1997

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 1997*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I, along with several of my colleagues, am introducing companion legislation to the legislation passed out of the Senate Finance Committee on fast track. Last week, the Senate Finance Committee voted to approve bipartisan fast-track legislation. We believe the Finance Committee's legislation strikes a reasonable balance with respect to various concerns raised about fast track and is a bill that every Member who wants to support fast track should be able to support. The bill also includes an extension of requested trade adjustment assistance programs.

This legislation lays out important principal negotiating objectives including expanded and strengthened language for agriculture and intellectual property. These are two areas in which we, as a country, stand to gain in the near term. In addition the bill contains a provision specifically calling for greater transparency in international fora and particularly in the WTO. The bill also is consistent with proposals which afford fast-track procedures primarily for trade and trade-related measures. This strongly reflects the traditional use of fast-track authority. Finally, the legislation addresses labor and the environment issues in a meaningful and constructive way.

The debate over fast track thus far has been contentious and divisive. It is time to move from abstract issues to the business of legislating. We believe that it is important to our country's continued leadership on all fronts that we pass fast track before the Congress adjourns this year.

HIGH SPEED GROUND TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION ACTION PROGRAM

**HON. JAY KIM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 1997*

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for including a high-speed rail program in our Nation's surface transportation law.

For much of my life, I have had a strong interest in magnetic levitation train technologies, Maglev. When I was a practicing engineer, I actually worked on the proposed Anaheim to Las Vegas Maglev train route. That project never got off the ground, but I knew then that Maglev was the technology of the future.

Other countries in Asia and Europe realized decades ago that high-speed rail systems were essential to effective, intercity travel. But in America, we really don't have anything like that. Amtrak runs a few trains over 100 miles-per-hour in the Northeast Corridor, but that's about it. In the United States, intercity travel means air travel or your car.

Unfortunately, that's not good enough. In some cities our airspace is dangerously